
Introduced by Senator Scott

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An act to add Section 88532 to the Education Code, relating to vocational education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 794, as introduced, Scott. Vocational education: requirements.

Existing law establishes economic and workforce regional development centers to provide specified services, and to perform specified functions relating to economic and workforce development.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia including middle and junior high schools or high schools to improve linkages and career technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both education systems, as described.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 88532 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and
- 4 workforce regional development centers and consortia including
- 5 middle and junior high schools or high schools to improve
- 6 linkages and career technical education pathways between high
- 7 schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and

- 1 students in both education systems. This assistance shall include
2 all of the following:
- 3 (1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic
4 development program strategic priority areas.
 - 5 (2) Aligning existing tech prep programs and career-technical
6 education curriculum between high schools and community
7 colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs through the
8 models consistent with economic and workforce development
9 strategic priority areas.
 - 10 (3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic
11 Development Program's successful integration of business and
12 emerging industries with career technical programs provided in
13 high schools.
 - 14 (4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and
15 community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year
16 institutions.
 - 17 (5) Accelerating education and training for those students who
18 choose to be prepared for career and technical employment
19 opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods
20 while maintaining and or improving student competencies.
 - 21 (6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical
22 practicum models that integrate coursework and student
23 internship.
 - 24 (7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career
25 outreach materials.
 - 26 (8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle
27 schools and senior high schools.
- 28 (b) The Chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy
29 for the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of
30 the annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee
31 for the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce
32 Development Program and the board of governors.
- 33 (c) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for
34 which funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly
35 for the purposes of this section.